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British diplomacy may fail to keep Greece out of the Teuton camp, but the British navy won't.

Jack McCully looked at the corn show at the Alachua fair, and says that Marion will pass it like it was standing still.

A submarine base for German and Austrian submarines has been discovered on the island of Crete, which belongs to Greece.

The Tampa Times has heard that it is extremely likely that the Tampa Northern will be extended north from Brooksville to Inverness. It certainly should be done.

The bright little DeLand Daily News is with us again, but, alas! the editorial column that Chris Coddington could fill so entirely well is inhabited by a bilious-looking piece of plate.

Nothing helps out a fair more than good racing, and the Marion County Fair is going to have plenty of the best this time. Over two-score of the fastest horses in the country are now out at the fair grounds, and the west side of the big field looks like the barracks of a cavalry troop.

The Star is informed that the Ocala fire department will lead the big industrial parade to the fair grounds next Tuesday. Proper facilities will be furnished by the telephone company to keep the firemen in constant touch with headquarters, so if an alarm should be sent in they can respond as quickly as if they were in the fire hall.

The Orlando Board of Trade has passed a resolution demanding that Editor Clarence Woods of the Eustis Lake Region be bounced out of the Florida Press Association, on account of his attacks on methods of road building in Orange and Pinellas counties. We don't approve of Editor Woods' action in regard to the roads in other counties than his own, but we respectfully remind the Orlando Board of Trade that his membership in the Florida Press Association is none of its business. If Editor Woods interferes with roads or other affairs in Marion county, we will spank him good and hard, but we shan't call on any boards of trade or press associations to hold him while the spanking is in progress.

The Star regrets to announce that Ocala and the fair will almost certainly lose the hoped-for visit from Champ Clark. The only reason why we miss seeing and hearing this leading statesman is lack of public-spirit in some of our people, and stinginess in others. It has been impossible to find anyone who could push the sale of lyceum tickets, and those who have tried to sell tickets have been met by most of those whom they approached with the statement that as they could see and hear Mr. Clark at the fair grounds for nothing, it wasn't necessary to buy a lyceum ticket for the privilege. These people of extra saving disposition forgot that the only way to have Mr. Clark at the fair was to secure him thru the lyceum.

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## LOCAL LEGISLATION

The city council met last night in regular session. There were in attendance President Meffert and Councilmen Tompkins, Knight, Gerig, Nash and Fausett.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Under the head of written communications the message of the mayor to the council and the report of City Engineer Drake were read, but were taken up and discussed later in the meeting.

Mr. M. L. Mershon filed a written request for rebate of excessive water charges. Same was referred to the light and water committee with power to act.

A petition was read from Messrs. L. R. Chazal Sons Co. and others asking to have Wiomina street paved from Daugherty to Torrey streets. The petition was referred to the street committee to investigate and report at the next regular meeting.

A communication was read from the Buffalo Steam Pump Co. relative to its bill against the city. The clerk was instructed to write the company that the bill would be paid as soon as funds are available.

A communications was read from Messrs. McIver & MacKay regarding the setting of the new pumps at the water works plant and the connections to same.

Messrs. Twombly & Henny of New York, who did some engineering work for the city, requested a check for the balance on their account. As the McCrary Co. is to pay a portion of this, the matter was laid over till it could be adjusted.

The Florida Metal Products Co. of Jacksonville, urged that its bill be paid. The clerk was instructed to write the company that the bill would be taken care of soon.

On motion the bill of George Nelson, a carpenter, for building the tool and vehicle shed was ordered paid.

Mr. J. P. Phillips of the Ocala Telephone Co. was present and addressed the council on the matter of alleged raise in telephone rates and the joint use of the poles of the telephone and city electric light plants.

Mr. Phillips explained that the mutual use of the poles, in many places, was a great advantage to the public as well as the respective companies, saving expense and the placing of two large poles in crowded places or along residence streets, where one would do for both. He explained that the agreement was entered into between the telephone company and the city council several years ago and had worked very satisfactorily since.

Mr. John H. Taylor, a member of the council at that time, was present and verified the matter. On motion the arrangement was allowed to stand as it is now. In the matter of alleged raise in rates, Mr. Phillips declared the rates were exactly the same as they had been.

The mayor's communication in regard to insufficient inspection facilities for men for the sewer work, was taken up and Engineer Drake and Mr. McCormick, the McCrary engineer, were heard. Mr. Drake explained the report he had made in writing that had previously been made. He showed where the McCrary company had not been supplying its engineers with adequate instruments and had not been providing enough inspectors to properly cover the eight working crews. Considerable discussion followed. Mr. McCormick explained that his company would have instruments here in a very short time. Mr. Drake, however, when asked if the work so far was satisfactory said it was and that he had required all discrepancies to be remedied up to date.

On motion, the clerk was instructed to telegraph the J. B. McCrary Co. of Atlanta, demanding four more inspectors for the job and adequate instruments for the engineers.

In the matter of the complaint of Mr. Akin, where he stated he had seen six-inch pipe laid without the workmen getting the oakum inside the joint, Mr. Bryan stated that the contract did not call for oakum in the joints of six-inch pipe and under, and if his men were putting or attempting to put it in them, they were doing it without authority, and it was not necessary. Reference by the clerk to the contract verified this statement.

Mr. Bryan then asked the council to go today to the place and he would have his men dig up the pipe and inspect it.

Later on a motion prevailed that the chairman of the sanitary committee, Mr. Fausett, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Akin, who made the complaint, and any others who wished to do so, would go this morning and inspect the work. Mr. Bryan said he invited the closest inspection of the public and the council of any and all of his work.

The clerk was instructed to inform the mayor of the action taken in the matter of his communication. On motion as Mr. Gerig, chairman of the fire committee, his committee was instructed to purchase rubber boots and trousers for the firemen, as cold weather will soon be here.

The city attorney, Mr. F. R. Hocker, reported progress on opening South Fourth street, stating that several suits had been filed to condemn property for right of way. He stated that he thought Mrs. Bertha Davis was willing to arbitrate the matter of a right of way through her property through her agent, Mr. F. W. Ditto, and he was instructed to see if same could not be handled in that way.

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## The Diamond From the Sky

By ROY L. MCCARDELL

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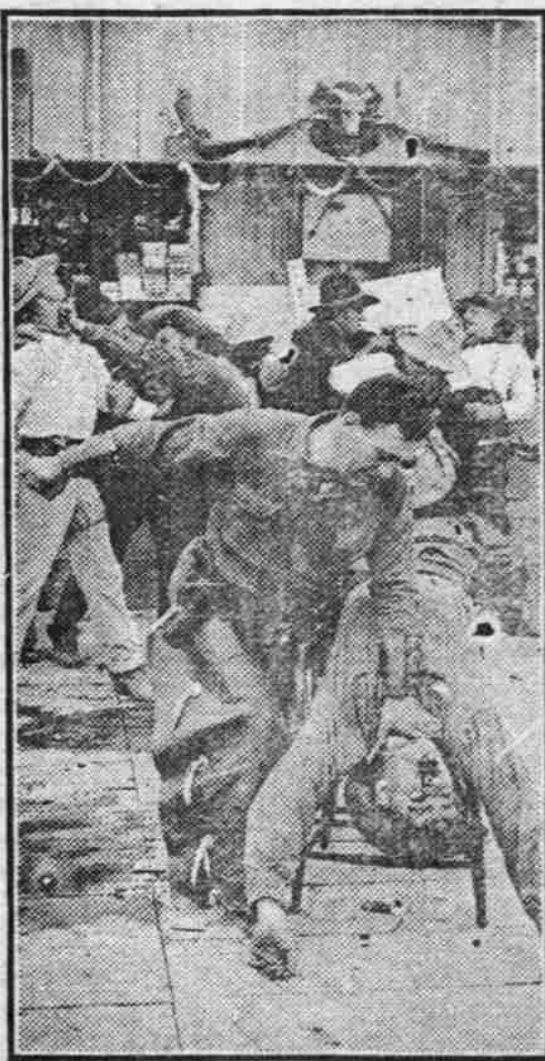
## CHAPTER XXXVII.

Fire, Fury and Confusion.

WHERE was the diamond from the sky? It was not in the grasp of Frank Durand, erstwhile king of diamonds; it was not clasped in the tigress talons of Kansas Em, the dance hall fury; it was not in Esther's hands, as Quabba, the ever watchful poor Italian, drew her from the maelstrom of the melee ere the roof had fallen on the struggling mob in Pete's Palace.

It was in the first outbreak of Kansas Em's frenzied indignation when, after she had read aloud the prayer in the old locker—a mother's prayer come so strangely to the light after all these years—that the diamond, with its chain, had been knocked from the dance hall amazon's hand after her first screaming outburst in protecting the shrinking Esther, so strangely thrust into this sin stained, sordid satumalia when she sought her love. Others had gathered there, moved by the spirit of greed, swayed by the desire for the diamond from the sky. Hers was a higher, brighter motive.

Arthur, gasping and wild eyed at sight of Esther, the center of a struggle for the diamond from the sky, had fought to her side and had embraced



Others Still Fought at One Another's Throats.

her. Then like a mighty wave, the mass of stark mad and heaving humanity had broken upon them and torn them apart. Then it was that Arthur raged like a demon and struck out on all sides and knew no more in his madness, even when the wall gave way and the roof fell upon his unconscious body.

Eddied to the outskirts of the combat, Quabba had plucked Esther from the storm of blows and had led her, dazed, to safety. When the riot had broken loose Smythe had struck out smartly, hitting every skull in sight. But when the surge of the crowd had borne against the side wall and men and women had turned like leaves to wind and tear each other the lawyer, taking advantage of being near the doorway, had darted out into the night, which seemed to promise safety.

In the excitement and the struggle he had not noted the diamond had been buried through the air when Luke Lovell, struggling for it like the rest, had struck the arm of Kansas Em, loosening her grasp upon the chain of the locket as she held it high above the throng. Over the heads of the crowd it had flashed and fastened upon the deer horn, and so the lawyer had borne it from the scene of struggle unnoticed by any one in the struggling medley, not even by himself.

Scarcely knowing what he did, the panic stricken lawyer darted into the first haven of safety he encountered. It was a barrel that Pete's bartender had converted into a kennel for a stray puppy which had been given to him that day.

Those who had not been imprisoned or crushed by the falling roof of the dance hall-dragged themselves from the debris. Some ran wildly through the muddy streets of the little town



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crying for help and calling "Fire!" Others plucked at the ruins with torn and bleeding hands, and others still fought desperately at one another's throats.

Such a group as still fought, despite the death and disaster all around them, were Frank Durand, who had come to these wild regions for the diamond, to see it and to lose it, and the bestial Peter Huff, the dance hall man. The two fought madly, still with Luke Lovell. The quick eye of Durand had seen the blow Luke aimed at Kansas Em to gain the diamond. Durand had not seen where the diamond had fallen, but instinctively he had torn through the little knot that fought around him and had struck Luke a mighty blow between the eyes with all his strength and skill, for Durand had been a boxer in his earlier career. But Luke had shaken himself as a dog might do and had closed in quickly on Durand.

Luke was nearly a match for the two, but finally they beat him to his knees and searched him near the barrel where the hiding lawyer lay. Then, with curses of disappointment, Durand and Huff rushed back to the dance hall just as the roof fell, and Luke, staggering to his feet, made off in the darkness, firm now in the belief that the devil himself dwelt in the diamond from the sky, even though a mother's prayer had been all these years hidden behind it.

The lawyer, peering cautiously from his hiding place, heard a clink and clatter against the side of the barrel into which he has crept to hide. In the darkness, and on his hands and knees.

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## THE HEART.

How It Acts In Every Day Life.

The human heart, in a healthy man weighs but eleven ounces. It beats from long before birth until death, in an average lifetime, about seven million times, allowing seventy beats to the minute. Every twenty-four hours this slight organ performs labor equivalent to lifting a ton of material eighty feet into the air. If the blood becomes poor, and filled with poisons from diseased kidneys, the heart is not only starved, but poisoned as well. It soon becomes exhausted and unable to meet any extraordinary demand which may be made upon it. Supply pure blood; get the kidneys to working tone up the feeble stomach; Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery purifies the blood, relieves the kidneys and tones up the alimentary canal. Give the heart the food it needs and it will continue to work till the natural end of life.

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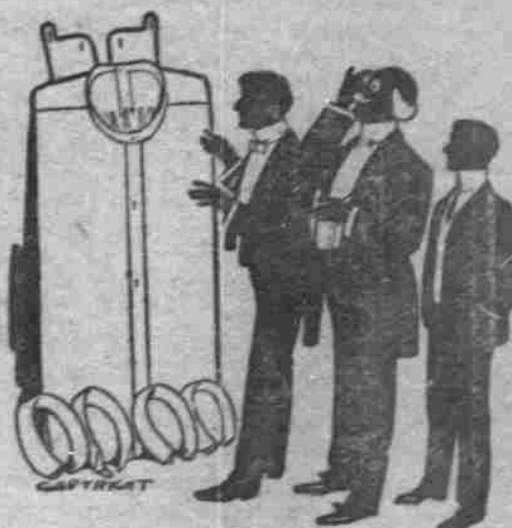
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